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MEETINGS

The Commodore Users' Group meeting on the 1st Tuesday of each month will be on Tuesday, 5th July at Construction House, 130 Petrie Terrace at 7.30 p.m. sharp. There was to be a change of venue but unfortunately this offer fell through. We are having difficulty finding a venue, more suitable to our requirements, which permits smoking.

SPECIAL ON CASSETTES

At the moment the Group has a number of tapes at 99 cents each, but you must be quick as only a few are available at this price.

PROGRAM REVIEWS

Requests -

Some people buy programs unseen due to some shops reluctance to show people the programs, in particular cassette programs. We would like anyone who has bought a program to write a review and send it to the editor. We would like reviews on Rompacs and accessories, i.e. printers, interfaces etc. Please try to keep technical details to a minimum to save confusing some of the inexperienced users. Details should include the name, who it is by, cost (approx.), whether it is available on cassette, disc, ROMPAC etc. Does it have good instruction etc? What use of sound and graphics, and an unbiased rating of 1 to 10. By unbiased we mean, if you don't like games programs, don't rate them all at a 0, because you only like business programs etc. Be aware that tastes can vary. Also tell us what memory is required, particularly if it is for a Vic.

NOTE :

All reviews are opinions of members and not necessarily

that of the Club. Distributors and or manufacturers please note if you get a bad review, don't sue the reviewer. Improve your program. Any distributor wishing to donate or lend any programs or accessories for review and testing, please contact the editor.

LIBRARY

More and more magazines and hardware articles are arriving in the library: they are for BORROWING, so please don't forget to return them. Country members are reminded that they may borrow for 30 days on condition they pay return postage.

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

The end of the financial year is upon us. Enclosed with the last newsletter was a slip of paper with your details on it. The amount owing is as at the 31 June 1983 : for those who have joined the group since the end of the last financial year, your fees have been calculated on a pro-rata basis.

The early settlement of accounts by many members has been appreciated. A month's grace is the maximum that can be allowed on overdue fees, unless arrangements are made with me.

John Egan

GOSUB *****

Hint - When writing a BASIC program, put your often used subroutines toward the beginning of your program. This increases the speed at which the program will run. This is because the CPU looks for a line from line 0 until it finds the line you told it to go to; the higher the line number the longer it takes for the CPU to find it. Use a GOTO statement to go around your subroutines.

REM *****

When writing a program use plenty of REM statements. This makes debugging much easier, especially when it crashes months after you have written it. The REM statements do slow the program down, so keep a copy of the program with the REM statements for reference, and use a copy from which the REM statements have been removed.

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